

Shari Bierman Singer Fellowship

The Cleveland Orchestra Chorus is offering fellowships for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a degree in a music-related field during the 2016-2017 academic year. Two **Shari Bierman Singer Fellowships** may be granted, each in the amount of \$3,000. Students must have demonstrable skill, evidenced through a combination of academic and musical talent, GPA, and performance ability. Applicants must be able to commit to the full rehearsal and performance schedule of the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus. Fellowship recipients will have additional guidance and mentorship opportunities from Robert Porco, Director of Choruses, including private lessons.

ELIGIBILITY:

- College undergraduate and graduate level students pursuing a vocal performance, music education, conducting, or similar music-related degree during the 2016-2017 academic year.
- Students must be enrolled full-time.
- Students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Students must be able to commit to the full rehearsal and performance schedule of the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus.

APPLICATION PROCESS – all materials due by 1:00pm **Thursday, April 21, 2016:**

- Complete application available online at <http://goo.gl/forms/RryXm6t3Q0>.
- Performance resume.
- Submit three letters of reference supporting musical background and character (from teachers, conductors, directors, etc) with recent exposure to the student (within three years).
- Submit a personal statement about how your participation as a chorus member would contribute to your long-term goals (not to exceed 500 words).
- A copy of your most recent transcript (an unofficial transcript is acceptable).

Application materials should be submitted to chorus@clevelandorchestra.com. Candidates will be contacted by email to schedule an audition appointment upon completion of the online application.

Auditions will be heard on Saturday, April 23, from 3:30pm – 8:00pm at Fairmount Temple in Beachwood.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:

- Perform two contrasting pieces, each approximately 3 minutes in duration. At least one selection should be in a foreign language.
- Sight read selections of the judge's choice, with accompaniment.
- Sing scales, arpeggios, or other technical exercises as directed by the judge.

CHORUS SCHEDULE:

The Cleveland Orchestra Chorus rehearses on Monday evenings from 7:00pm – 10:00pm in Beachwood, with some additional Sunday evenings and every night during concert weeks. The COC is tentatively scheduled to begin rehearsals September 18, 2016, and end the season on May 14, 2017.

Members of the COC perform with The Cleveland Orchestra in subscription and Christmas concerts at Severance Hall. The coming season for the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus will include performances of major works by Haydn, Duruflé, Bach, Stravinsky, and Mendelssohn. A detailed schedule will be sent for review upon receipt of application.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISIONS

Decisions will be announced by email no later than Wednesday, May 11. Questions regarding the application process should be sent to chorus@clevelandorchestra.com.